

**BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 15, 2007 MINUTES**

On Tuesday, May 15, 2007, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 9:30 AM with Commissioners David Schulz, Lewis Stahl and Jim Hart present.

Lewis Stahl moved to approve the May 8, 2007, minutes as read. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Jim Hart moved to approve May 11, 2007, minutes as read. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Frank Ford, Chris Mumme, Roger Thompson, Dave Schenk, Doris Fischer, Lee Alt, Doug Bailey, John Mason, Margie Mason, Lorrie Milford, Pam Meunier, Larry Anderson, Vicki Tilstra, Shelly Burke, Peggy Kaatz, Joyann Lott Breakall, and Pat Estenson.

County Communication Plan: Frank Ford, Public Safety Communications Coordinator, Chris Mumme, Director of Emergency Management, Roger Thompson, Under Sheriff, and Dave Schenk, Sheriff, met with the Board to discuss a proposed County Wireless Communications Plan. Frank Ford stated that a communications work group, consisting of himself, Roger Thompson, Janet Fortner, Kevin Barnes, Karen Brown, and Al Kyles, had been formed to develop the plan and that the group was in agreement with the plan except for the administrative goal calling for establishment of a new county department to provide centralized management, coordination and administration of the county wireless communications system. Jim Hart moved to adopt the Madison County Wireless Communications Plan, dated May 2007, in concept with future consideration for glitches primarily in management oversight. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Orchard Hill Estates Subdivision Drawdown Request: Doris Fischer, Planner, met with the Board to discuss a request received from Karen Swedman of Reed Real Estate, Inc., as representative of Orchard Hill Estates Subdivision, to release a portion of escrow funds for subdivision improvements. Per recommendation of the Planner, Lewis Stahl moved to authorize the release of \$7,477.00 from Escrow Account #5085518 held by First Madison Valley Bank of Ennis, Montana, for materials to be used for road construction in Orchard Hill Estates Subdivision, leaving a balance of \$18,198 in the account for remaining subdivision improvements. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Board Appointments: Having received a letter of interest, Lewis Stahl moved to appoint Shawn Brooke to the Madison County Nursing Homes Advisory Board representing the Harrison/Pony/Cardwell area, for a three year term that will expire on December 31, 2009. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

McAllister Speed Zone Study: Lee Alt and Doug Bailey, Montana Department of Transportation, and John Mason, Margie Mason, Lorrie Milford, and Pam Meunier, met with the Board to discuss a request by citizens in the McAllister area to conduct a speed zone study. The citizens would like the current 45 mile per limit in McAllister extended south approximately a mile and a half. Doug Bailey explained the procedure that would be followed in conducting the study and stated that a copy of the study would be sent to the Board when completed.

Claims: The Board approved claims.

Airports: The Board discussed the status of contracts with Stumvoll Electric for installing power sources for weather stations at both airports.

TRMCC Administrator Resignation: Lewis Stahl moved to accept the resignation of Randy Cambridge as the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center Administrator, effective June 8, 2007, and to advertise the position. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Twin Bridges MOU: Lewis Stahl moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Twin Bridges, Madison County, and Leslie Adams, to contract for engineering services to provide a preliminary engineering report to address connecting water and sewer services between Twin Bridges and the west side of the Beaverhead River. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Madison County Concerns: Larry Anderson, Field Representative from Denny Rehberg's Office, met with the Board to discuss topics of concern to Madison County. Some items discussed were the Secure Rural Schools Program, the Forest Service law suit in the Meadow Creek area, drought designation, the recent Earthquake in Madison County, and the possibility of some type of a veteran's facility at the former Children's Center in Twin Bridges.

MVM Administrator Position and Director of Nursing Position: The Board continued these two agenda items to Thursday, May 17, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.

Resolution 10-2007: Vicki Tilstra, Bookkeeping, Shelly Burke, Treasurer, Peggy Kaatz, Clerk and Recorder, and Dave Schenk, Sheriff, met with the Board to discuss a proposed resolution that would require receipts to be provided for both meals and lodging when traveling on County business. Currently some departments require receipts before meal reimbursements are made and other departments request a flat rate meal per diem in advance of travel. Dave Schenk stated that he does not feel it is necessary to provide receipts for meals because no one is abusing this practice and providing receipts would create additional paperwork. Vicki Tilstra stated that providing receipts does create additional paperwork but there have been accountability issues in the past. Shelly Burke and Peggy Kaatz agreed that accountability is an issue and receipts should be required. The Board will take this issue under advisement.

Fairgrounds/Airport Land Exchange: Joyann Lott Breakall met with the Board to discuss a proposed land exchange involving a tract of land near the fairgrounds, currently owned by her parent's estate, and a tract of land near the Twin Bridges Airport, currently owned by Madison County, formerly owned by her family. The Lott family would like to have the tract by the airport back and would trade the tract by the Fairgrounds. The Board will discuss the proposed trade with the Fair Board, the Airport Board, and the County Planner.

Board Appointments: The Board received a letter from Peggy Kaatz, Clerk and Recorder, requesting that the Board appoint Alan Ostler, Max Moltich, and John Allhands to the Sheridan Rural Fire District Board for a three year terms noting that it was not necessary to hold an election because of the number of candidates that filed for these positions. Jim Hart moved to appoint Alan Ostler and Max Moltich for three year terms which will expire on May 1, 2010, and in an effort to keep the terms staggered correctly, to appoint John Allhands and Neil Barnosky, if he chooses to accept another term, for two year terms which will expire on May 1, 2009, to the Sheridan Rural Fire District Board. Lewis Stahl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Having received letters of interest from three candidates, Lewis Stahl moved to appoint Dan Happel for a three year term which will expire on May 1, 2010, to appoint Gary DeFrance for a three year term which will expire on May 1, 2010, and to appoint Alfred Hokanson for the remainder of a three year term which will expire on May 1, 2009, to the Harrison Rural Fire District Board. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

With no further business this portion of the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 17, 2007:

MVM Administrator Position and Director of Nursing Position: Pat Estenson, Interim Madison Valley Manor Administrator, met with the Board to discuss the Administrator vacancy and the Director of Nursing vacancy at the Madison Valley Manor in Ennis, and to review applications for these positions. Pat will schedule interviews for the administrator position.

David Schulz, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: May 22, 2007

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